

# COLLINS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

*A CHURCH FOR THE CITY*



## The Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday March 8, 2020

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Friends,

This past week marked the beginning of the academic year for students in universities and colleges across Melbourne. Here at Collins Street we have many people pursuing tertiary qualifications in a range of disciplines. Some are doing so with a clear sense of direction while others are less sure about where this study will lead. Some have travelled great distances to take up these opportunities, relocating from various parts of the world with courage and at great sacrifice for their families.

We are also conscious of those within our church who work within the university sector as teachers, administrators and in student services. They do so with a great sense of personal commitment to the welfare and growth of their students and we are grateful for them.

For all of our students and teachers, be assured of our prayers and support as the year progresses. We know that the demands of the year ahead are substantial and we pray that Collins Streets will be a place of encouragement and renewal along the way.

Peace to you,

Simon

**Pastor for Teaching & Worship:** *Carolyn Francis*

**Pastor for Care & Community:** *Simon Carey Holt*

**Coordinator of Neighbourhood Engagement:** *Sherry Maddock*

## NEWS & EVENTS

**LENT PROGRAMME:** The season of Lent has commenced. During this series we are offering a teaching series on the parables of Jesus during our services. There are 4 opportunities to explore these parables further in **Sunday afternoon bible studies** including this afternoon. Please see Simon for more information or just come along.

**CSBC MEMBERS MEETING:** Our first members meeting for 2020 will be held next **Sunday March 15**, 12.15pm on level 4. The agenda will include (i) new applications for membership, (ii) a report on the possible replacement of the external emergency stairs for Central House, and (iii) the challenges and possibilities we face in the future development of the Church Fund.

**WELCOMING:** We are looking for some more people to offer a warm welcome on the Verandah each Sunday morning. Please see **Derek Mortimer** if this is a way you would like to contribute.

**VERANDAH MINISTRY:** Next Sunday **15<sup>th</sup> March** we will be commissioning our wonderful Verandah Ministry staff and volunteers for 2020. This will be part of our morning service. Please come along and show your support.

**PRAYER SPACE REFLECTION from Neil Wright:** After a service I sometimes make my way to the **Prayer Space** at the front of the church. Tania prepares it thoughtfully, in tune with each season of the church year. I find it helpful to pause, to have a setting where I can pray quietly, or simply 'be' or think. In this season of Lent it is particularly special. Perhaps you might find it helpful too. Neil Wright.

**GIA DINNER:** On **Wednesday March 18**, Global Interaction (the cross-cultural mission arm of the Baptist churches of Australia) will host its annual state dinner, 6.30pm at the Kilsyth South Baptist Church. For more information and rsvps at [www.globalinteraction.org.au](http://www.globalinteraction.org.au)

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for the safe journeys of those travelling overseas at this time, including **Sherry Maddock, Ros and Peter Otzen, Leigh and Cheryl Reeves, Nigel Smith and Megan Williams.**

We were delighted to see **Barbara Creeley** with us last Sunday, as she celebrated her 80th birthday. We pray for Barbara as she continues to settle in to life outside of Melbourne.

The **CSBC deacons and pastors** will meet this Tuesday evening. Please pray for them as they seek to lead the community with wisdom, vision and integrity.

As our world faces the challenges of an apparent **virus pandemic** we pray for wisdom for those making decisions, and for kindness and care amongst all in the community. We hold in prayer all those directly affected, including our many international students whose plans for travel and study have been impacted.

# SERVICE ROSTERS

## TODAY

**SERMON:** Carolyn Francis

**MUSIC:** David Cundy

**BIBLE READING:** Derek Mortimer

**SECRETARY:** Neil Wright

**SOUND** Paul Sundar

**DOOR STEWARDS:** Barbara, Judy,  
Laurie

**MORNING TEA:** Judy, Lavina,  
Katherine, Pearl

## NEXT SUNDAY

**SERMON:** Frank Rees

**MUSIC:** David Cundy

**BIBLE READING:** Shirley Graves-  
Mortimer

**SECRETARY:** Stefanie Pearce

**SOUND:** Sam Li

**DOOR STEWARDS:** Amanda,  
Merilyn, Abigail

**MORNING TEA:** Jeanine, Kate,  
Trixie, Lydia

## THE JUNCTION

Every first Sunday of the month, we host **The Junction**, a place of support and friendship for everyone regardless of gender, age or sexuality. We meet either on the Verandah or in the beautiful Green Room (level 1) for fun activities and friendship. If you would like more information please see Nigel Smith. All welcome.

## PARKING

The Royal Lane Car Park offers discounted parking to people attending CSBC on Sunday mornings. Parking between 10am and 1pm is \$10. To take advantage of this offer, have your parking ticket stamped in the narthex before you leave. Stays longer than 3 hours attract the maximum weekend rate of \$12.

## GIVING TO CSBC

To assist with your regular giving to the church, you can arrange with your bank an automatic periodic payment at intervals that suit your budget using the details that follow:

**Account name**—Collins Street Baptist Church; **Bank name**—Bendigo Bank;  
**BSB**—633000; **Account number**—123001786.

## CSBC ON FACEBOOK

The church has its own Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user, just 'like' the page and you'll be kept up to date.

## DEACONS

**Robert Iles** (Secretary); **Paulo Pereira** (Treasurer); **Stefanie Pearce** (Partnerships); **Nigel Smith** (Property Development); **Lynne Chapman** (Pastoral Care); **Ros Otzen** (Worship); **Katherine Jones** (Spiritual Nurture and Education); **Neil Wright** (Pastoral Care), **Abi Chenoweth**, **Amanda Mao**.